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SUBJECT: DAVIES-ESENBEL DISCUSSION OF MAP AND E-W

ASSISTANCE

FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ACTING ASST SEC DAVIES MARCH 1 AT HIS REQUEST BEFORE DEPARTING FOR ANKARA LATER IN DAY ON CONSULTATION. ESENBEL'S PRIMARY REASON FOR SEEKING INTERVIEW WAS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON MAP ASSISTANCE FIGURE FOR FY 74 AND ON E-W NEGOTIATIONS. POPPY BAN ISSUE ALSO DISCUSSED AND BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. DILLON AND KIRBY FROM NEA/TUR WERE PRESENT.

2. ESENBEL BEGAN BY RECALLING HE HAD DISCUSSED TURKEY'S MAP ASSISTANCE NEEDS WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER LAST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, AND SAID SCHLESINGER HAD ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY'S DEFENSE POSTURE TO NATO AND U.S. AND INDICATED HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO ENSURE TURKEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE SHARE FY 74 MAP MONEY. THEY HAD ALSO DISCUSSED TURKEY'S E-W NEEDS AND SECDEF HAD SAID HE TRYING TO BE HELPFUL. SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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THOSE CONVERSATIONS ESENBEL HAD HEARD NOTHING OFFICIALLY ON ALLOCATION FOR TURKEY OR ON E-W AND HENCE WISHED TO GET LATEST POSITION FROM DAVIES BEFORE DEPARTING FOR ANKARA.

3. DAVIES SAID FY 74 FIGURE FOR TURKEY IS 61.2 MILLION DOLS. AND NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAD MENTIONED IT TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING INITIAL CALL. NOTING MINISTER HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT SIZE OF ALLOCATION, DAVIES EMPHASIZED THAT THIS YEAR'S FIGURE FOR TURKEY REPRESENTS IN PERCENTAGE TERMS LARGER SHARE OF GLOBAL MAP ASSISTANCE THAN IN EITHER OF LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS. DAVIES SAID THIS IS STRONG EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR TURKEY. HE SAID THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF BUDGETARY STRINGENCIES AND DECLINING MAP AVAILABILITY, TURKEY'S NEEDS WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW CAREFUL USG ATTENTION AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT TURKEY RECEIVES A FAIR SHARE OF AVAILABLE MONEY.

4. TURNING TO E-W PROBLEM, DAVIES SAID DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PROBLEM HAVE MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DEVISE MEANS FOR CLOSING OUT E-W ISSUE WITH TURKEY ON MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BASIS. DAVIES SAID THAT USG DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 1962 IT HAD CONTRACTED AN OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT ON E-W SUPPORT. NONETHELESS, U.S. RECOGNIZES GOT'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT WHAT IT CONSIDERS U.S. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO LEGITIMATE TURKISH NEEDS AND TO FULFILL U.S. COMMITMENTS IN E-W FIELD, AND WANTS TO DO SOMETHING TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. NOTING THAT U.S. HAS NO LEGAL MECHANISM FOR PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY EXCEPT THROUGH MAP PROGRAM, DAVIES SAID THAT BY PARING PROGRAMS OF OTHER POTENTIAL MAP RECIPIENTS WE HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO PRODUCE SOME ADDITIONAL MAP FUNDS FOR TURKEY THIS YEAR -- I.E., IN ADDITION TO 61.2 MILLION DOL. FIGURE -- IN RANGE OF PERHAPS 7-10 MILLION TO SETTLE E-W ISSUE. HE SAID AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAD RECENTLY RAISED E-W ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW GOING CONFIDENTIAL

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FORWARD BETWEEN OUR EMBASSY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID USG IS EAGER TO SEE THIS MATTER FINALLY RESOLVED AND CONCLUDED THAT THE OFFER U.S. IS CURRENTLY MAKING ON E-W -- I.E., AS AN ADD-ON TO TURKEY'S REGULAR MAP ALLOCATION IN FY 74 -- CANNOT BE REPEATED IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS. BEGINNING IN FISCAL '75 E-W WILL HAVE TO TAKE ITS PLACE ALONG WITH OTHER TURKISH NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN REGULAR MAP PROGRAM.

5. ESENBEL SAID HE APPRECIATED BEING BROUGHT UP TO

DATE ON THIS YEAR'S MAP ALLOCATION AND ON U.S. THINKING REGARDING E-W PROBLEM. HE SAID GOT HAS BEEN GENERALLY

DISAPPOINTED AT RECENT STEADY DECLINE IN MAP ASSISTANCE
AND AT U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD WHAT TURKS HAD THOUGHT
WAS AN ON-GOING U.S. COMMITMENT IN THE E-W FIELD.
HE SAID FURTHER THAT SOME IN GOT, PUTTING THESE THINGS
TOGETHER, HAVE WONDERED WHAT OVERALL DECLINE IN U.S.
ASSISTANCE ADDS UP TO IN TERMS OF FUTURE U.S. INTENTIONS
RE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY.

6. DAVIES REPEATED HIS EARLIER REMARKS ON IMPORTANCE
USG ATTACHES TO U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TO MAINTAINING
MAP ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AT AS HIGH LEVEL AS IS FEASIBLE
AND NOTED THAT HOPEFUL NEW ELEMENT IN PICTURE IS AVAIL-
ABILITY OF CONSIDERABLE FMS CREDIT FOR TURKEY. ESENBEL
ACKNOWLEDGED CREDIT ASSISTANCE HELPFUL AND ASKED WHETHER
EDA PROGRAM IS CONTINUING AND IN WHAT MAGNITUDE. DAVIES
AND DILLON NOTED THAT TURKEY CONTINUES TO BE STEADY
RECIPIENT OF EXCESS MILITARY ITEMS THROUGH THIS AND
SHIP TRANSFER PROGRAMS. THEY SAID THAT ARBITRARY PRICING
OF EDA ITEMS AND SHIPS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PUT PRECISE
DOLLAR VALUE ON THESE PROGRAMS, BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE,
TURKEY RECEIVED MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SUCH
EQUIPMENT LAST YEAR. PROGRAMS ARE CONTINUING AT HIGH
LEVEL IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. DAVIES CONCLUDED THIS
PORTION OF CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT APART FROM
HOT WAR AREAS LIKE CAMBODIA, OVERALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR TURKEY CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF OUR FOREMOST
PROGRAMS AT TIME OF RAPIDLY SHRINKING ALLOCATIONS FROM
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